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### **ALLEGED GANGSTER DISCIPLES FROM CHICAGO INDICTED IN CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK AND POWDER COCAINE IN MADISON, WISCONSIN**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced the unsealing of an indictment charging five men with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and cocaine base and other drug-related charges. The indictment, returned May 31, 2006, charges the five Chicago men, Geraldo Valtierra, DOB: 9/8/71; Lawrence Green, aka "Motor," DOB: 10/17/71; Gregory Bennett, aka "Trig," DOB: 6/7/75; Timothy Clark, aka "Cash," DOB: 2/6/63; and Darious Kelly, aka "Beady Eyes," DOB: 2/27/79, with conspiring with each other and with others to possess cocaine and cocaine base with the intent to distribute and to distribute cocaine and cocaine base, with this conspiracy involving five kilograms or more of cocaine and 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack cocaine). If convicted, each man faces not less than ten years nor more than life imprisonment and a \$4 million fine.

The indictment alleges that four of the men charged, Green, Bennett, Clark and Kelly were associated with the Gangster Disciples organization and all were from or had ties to the Englewood neighborhood on Chicago's south side. The indictment

further alleges that on or about January 31, 2006, when a person who had conspired with the others, identified in the indictment as "A.H.," failed to return drug proceeds to Bennett, that Green directed this person to a Englewood location where he knew that A.H. would meet Bennett. At that location and at a second Englewood location, Bennett and Kelly beat, kicked and burned A.H. for failing to return drug proceeds to Bennett.

In addition to the conspiracy count, the men are charged as follows:

Count 2 alleges that Green and Clark possessed cocaine with the intent to distribute on December 14, 2005. On this charge, both men face 20 years imprisonment and a one million dollar fine.

Count 3 alleges that on or about January 27, 2006, Green possessed 50 grams or more of cocaine base with the intent to distribute. On this charge, Green faces ten years to life in prison and a four million dollar fine.

Count 4 alleges that on or about January 27, 2006, Bennett, knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute five grams or more of cocaine base. Bennett faces not less than five years nor more than 40 years of imprisonment and a two million dollar fine on this charge.

Count 5 alleges that on or about January 27, 2006, Bennett and Kelly possessed with the intent to distribute 3, 4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), commonly referred to as ecstasy. Bennett and Kelly face 20 years imprisonment and a one million dollar fine on this charge.

Count 6 alleges that on or about January 27, 2006, Bennett and Kelly possessed marijuana with the intent to distribute. Bennett and Kelly each face five years

imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on this charge.

Clark and Kelly were arraigned before Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker this afternoon. Magistrate Crocker ordered that the men be detained pending trial.

Bennett's initial appearance is scheduled for 2 pm on June 13, 2006. Green and Valtierra are scheduled to make their initial appearances at 2:30 pm on July 6, 2006. Trial is tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2006.

This matter was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Madison Police Department, and the Chicago Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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